

## Partnership for Better Water and Sanitation Services in Haiti

- I. What is a Water Operators Partnership (WOP)?
  - a. Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs) are peer-support arrangements between two or more water or sanitation operators, carried out on a not-for-profit basis in the objective of strengthening their capacity. WOPs are being promoted as a simple but effective method of bolstering the ability of public water/sanitation service providers to play their full role in delivering quality basic services to all.
  - b. GWOPA is an alliance of partners working towards the common goal of making Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs) happen more often and with greater impact. The GWOPA Secretariat, hosted by UN-HABITAT in Barcelona, Spain, is driven by an international Steering Committee and supported by a global network of partners and members. CWWA and FSAWWA are partners.
- II. The Cari-WOP Initiative and Haiti
  - a. Cari-WOP's direct goal is to promote and enable impactful WOPs in the Caribbean region.
  - b. Cari-WOP is ultimately contributing to the Millennium Development Goals of halving the proportion of the world's population that remains unserved by adequate water and sanitation services. WOPs make the greatest contribution through capacity enhancement, while helping to catalyze the change required to increase access to the poor.
  - c. A multi-partner WOP is being established to achieve these objectives with Haiti's water utility: DINEPA. Current Partners for this Haitian-based WOP include the following entities:
    - i. Water and Sewerage Corporation, Bahamas
    - ii. Water and Sewerage Company Inc. (WASCO), Saint Lucia
    - iii. National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA), Grenada
    - iv. Provo Water, Turks and Caicos
    - v. CWWA
    - vi. CAWASA
    - vii. Regional and national representatives of the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)
    - viii. FSAWWA
  - d. Asking City's Public Works Department to become a representative of FSAWWA in partnership with other regional entities
- III. North Miami's Involvement
  - a. Participation in the Steering Committee to prioritize and identify the area that the City can best support, for example:
    - i. Operation and maintenance of pumping stations
    - ii. O&M and management of pipelines (PVC and HDPE)
    - iii. Protection of water resources— surface water/springs and groundwater;
    - iv. Customer Management
  - b. Sharing of resources: staff time, resources, training materials, facilities tours, etc.
  - c. International Funding Agencies (World Bank, IADB, etc.) will support direct costs (travel, lodging, meals, incidentals)
- IV. Example of a Successful Regional WOP (Belize and Contra Costa, California)- optional slides